

token generating means for generating tokens relating to at least one other [electronic] document, the other document being an electronic document, for purposes of linking the other document;

encoding means for encoding the generated tokens; and

printer means for printing the encoded tokens onto the paper document.

19. (Twice Amended) A method for producing a paper document, comprising:
- generating tokens relating to at least one other [electronic] document, the other document being an electronic document, for purposes of linking the other document;
- encoding the generated tokens; and
- printing the encoded tokens onto the paper document.

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending. By this Amendment, independent claims 1, 10 and 19 are amended for clarification purposes. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and final remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-6, 10-15 and 19-24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Smith et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,181,162) and claims 7-9, 16-18 and 25-27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Smith. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants assert that Smith does not disclose or suggest at least a token generator that generates tokens relating to at least one other document, the at least one other document being an electronic document, for the purposes of linking the other document, an encoder that encodes the generated tokens, and a printer that prints the encoded tokens onto a paper document, as recited in independent apparatus claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claims apparatus claim 10 and independent method claim 19.